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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: REFUSAL OF VISA FOR TIME CORRESPONDENT

FOR URGENT ATTENTION AT OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 22

1. SOVIETS HAVE REFUSED TO ISSUE VISA TO STROBE TALBOT OF TIME MAGAZINE, WHO IS DESIGNATED BY TIME AS MEMBER OF PRESS PARTY ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY TO MOSCOW.

2. QUESTION WAS RAISED BY DEPARTMENT WITH VORONTSOV, OCTOBER 21, WHO SAID SOVIET EMBASSY HAS TWICE QUERIED MOSCOW ABOUT THE CASE BUT "MOSCOW CANNOT BE MOVED."

3. REQUEST YOU URGENTLY CONTACT THE MFA AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE POLITICAL LEVEL AND REQUEST THAT THE DECISION ON TALBOT BE REVERSED. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT UNPRECEDENTED REFUSAL OF ENTRY TO MEMBER OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS PARTY NOT ONLY CAUSES US CONCERN BUT ALSO WOULD
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PROBABLY LEAD TO HIGHLY ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR THE VISIT

STEMMING FROM THIS ACTION AGAINST TIME'S STATE DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENT.

4. IN EVENT SOVIETS REMAIN ADAMANT, YOU SHOULD INQUIRE
WHAT IS THEIR REASON. (FYI: AS EMBASSY AWARE, TALBOT
TRANSLATED BOTH VOLUMES OF KHRUSHCHEV'S MEMOIRS. HE
VISITED USSR IN 1972, AFTER PUBLICATION OF FIRST VOLUME OF
MEMOIRS.) INGERSOLL

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